



CITY OF CHICAGO



BOARD OF ETHICS

## NOTICE REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO THE ILLINOIS LOBBYIST REGISTRATION ACT, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022

### January 3, 2022

Illinois Public Act 102-664/Senate Bill 539 took effect January 1, 2022. This law, among other things, amends the State's Lobbyist Registration Act (the "LRA") in many important ways. However, pursuant to 25 ILCS 170/11.2, the City of Chicago's own lobbying laws remain in full force.

Under this new State law, persons who lobby at the State, county, township or municipality level within Illinois—**except those who lobby only before the City of Chicago**—must register as lobbyists per the LRA. Registration is accomplished with our colleagues at the Illinois Secretary of State. Please contact the Secretary of State's Index Division with questions about this new state law. <https://www.ilsos.gov/departments/index/home.html>

Any persons who lobby Chicago government, as defined in the City's Governmental Ethics Ordinance, must **STILL** register or re-register with our office before January 21, 2022, or within five (5) days of first engaging in lobbying. Please contact our office with questions about lobbyist registration requirements in the City of Chicago. [www.chicago.gov/Ethics](http://www.chicago.gov/Ethics)